IT institutes

281. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of technological institutions under Government where Bachelor's level and higher level courses in Information Technology are conducted;

(b) whether Government would set up IT institutes to provide IT education at affordable cost in view of the inability of the poor students to afford it; and

(c) the details of IT institutions set up/proposed to be set up during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fall in STD rates

282. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether licences for long distance operations have been given to certain companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there will be a fall in STD rates due to increase in the number of players in the sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) More competition is enabled through more number of players and may result in better service to customer including competitive STD rates.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) and (d) above.

Statement

List of National long distance service licensees

1.	M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	Incumbent Operator
2	M/s Bharti Airtel Limited	Licence signed on 29.11.2001
3	M/s Reliance Infocomm Limited	Licence signed on 28.01.2002
4	M/s Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	Licence signed on 8.02.2002
5	M/s Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.	Licence signed on 10.05.2006
6	M/s Power Grid Corpn. of India Ltd.	Licence signed on 05.07.2006
7	M/s Rail Tel Corpn. of India Ltd.	Licence signed on 07.07.2006
8	M/s HCL Infinet Ltd.	Licence signed on 11.07.2006
9	M/s i2i Enterprises Ltd.	Licence signed on 11.07.2006

List of Inter National Long distance service licensees

1	M/s Reliance Infocomm Limited	Licence signed on 25.02.2002
2	M/s Bharti Airtel Limited	Licence signed on 14.03.2002
3	M/s Data Access (India) Limited	Licence signed on 27.03.2002
4	M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	Licence signed on 29.01.2003
5	M/s Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	Licence signed on 05.02.2004
6	M/s i2i Enterprises Ltd.	Licence signed on 11.07.2006

Telephone connections issued by private operators

283. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been cases of many mobile telephone connections in the name of one subscriber issued by certain private operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and